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For

METHOD OF FORMING A NON-UNIFORM, PROTECTIVE

COATING ON A FLEXIBLE SUBSTRATE

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Dear Sir:

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Office Action of January 8, 2004, Applicants request amendment as follows:

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Atty. Docket No. KEN14 P-302

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and Auth. to Charge Dep. Acct. in the above-identified application.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Col. 1 | | Col. 2 | Col. 3 | Small Entity | | Other Than A Small Entity | |
|---|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total Claims | 46 | Minus | 61 | = 0 | x \$9 | \$ 0.00 | x \$ 18 | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 8 | Minus | 4 | = 4 | x \$43 | \$ 0.00 | x \$ 86 | \$344.00 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$145 | | | | | | \$ 0.00 | x \$290 | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | \$ 0.00 | | \$344.00 |

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Applicant Michael A. Hooker Appln. No.: 09/828,308 Page 2 1. Small entity status of this application 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed. 2. No additional fee is required. A check in the amount of \$344.00 is attached. 3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 4. No. 16 2463. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. PRICE, HENEVELD, COOPER, DEWITT & LITTON, LLP 3/8/04 Date Jeffrey S. Kapteyn Registration No. 41 883 695 Kenmoor, S.E. Post Office Box 2567

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